Increase in employment in IT sector

†3226. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons engaged in information technology industry from 1999-2000 to 2004-05 is estimated to have increased from 2,85,000 to 10 lakhs;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the name of institute that made this estimate; and

(c) the extent of increase in employment in the above sector in comparison to the labour-force of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) As per NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) the manpower in IT and ITES (IT Enabled Services) industry has increased from 2,84,000 in 1999-2000 to 10,45,000 in 2004-05.

(c) The extent of percentage increase in employment in IT sector is as under:—

2001-02	33.97
2001-02	17.64
2002-03	22.05
2003-04	20.38
2004-05	19.47

The comparative increase in IT labour supply for the year 2004-05 is 8.5%.

Use of surplus land of VSNL

3227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of opinion between

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